SENATE BILL 1097

By Bunch

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 115, relative to mixed martial arts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-115-201(b)(1), is amended by deleting such subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(1) "Boxing" includes kickboxing and mixed martial arts. Kickboxing means a form of sporting martial arts in which a combination of boxing and martial arts skills are used to deliver blows with the hand and any part of the leg below the hip, including the foot. Mixed martial arts means a form of sporting martial arts that uses a variety of martial arts techniques to deliver blows with the hand and any part of the leg below the hip including the knee and foot, and also uses wrestling and grappling techniques; SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.